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U. C. Missions Bldg.

Burnham Hall

222 S. Downey Ave.

8:00 PM.

MEETING: February 9, 1979.

John M. Kell, W9LTU will talk on traffic handling and Net operations. John is very active in the Indiana CW traffic net, meeting daily at 8 and 11 PM. on 80 meters.

PROGRAM REVIEW

On January 12th the newly elected officers were installed and introduced to the membership or at least those who were present. Each officer gave a short summary of his "Ham" history. Some of these were very interesting to this writer as he was not one of the founding members. Some routine matters were settled. Cary Carender, WB9LID and Ron Williams W9JVF were appointed auditors for the club books of the past year. Club dues will remain at \$7.00.

Chief Opr. Gene VanSickle, W9KJF has a 6 meter Gonsett, available for loan to any club member.

Pres. Trospen, W9NGS brought to the attention of the membership a matter which had been discussed at the Board Meeting of Jan. 5th. This is proposal to make another amendment to the constitution changing the date of the election of officers from December to June; thus making this important date come at a time when better attendance can be expected. The Election will then become a better expression of the choice of the majority, also this should make the term served by the officers coincide with the real year of the club activities. The term would start in Sept. and end in June, followed by the usual two months vacation period. The vacation coming at the end of the term instead of the middle of the term served by the elected officers. This will probably be a continuing item as we know from the past experience that the club does not change the constitution easily.

After this brief business meeting, a surprise program was presented by Alvey Pittman, W9EL, in which he depicted the course of the progress of the knowledge of Astronomy from the first use of the telescope back in 1608 to the present modern electronic equipment. He made quite a detailed chronological chart of the steps man has made in the study of the heavens, and accompanied this with many anecdotes of the historical figures who made this progress possible. From these developments man was able to get to the moon with a lot of help from electronic technology.

PROGRAM REVIEW

On January 26th, the second meeting of the month, we were entertained by a talk and slide show by Life Member, Bob Annis, ex-9CUD who is head of the R. B. Annis Co. listed in the yellow pages as a demagnetizing company. However, we were soon enlightened about the true output of this company, both in time of war or in time of peace. Although no ham gear is manufactured, the products of this company have combined the advances of the electronic and mechanical age. Their activities have covered a wide spectrum which Mr. Annis showed with a series of slides and personal comments that went back to the '20s. Mr Annis had lost his job with the Union Trust Co. when he went into making transformers mostly from scrap he obtained from Thomas-Skinner Co. From this beginning, the

The business grew by making whatever there was a demand for during the depression years. including welders, motion pictures, measuring devices, etc. Through all of this time the company's main production of demagnetizers finally proved to be the bread and butter of the income sales. Their methods employ the full use of the principles of electronics, mechanics, and photo-electronics. Also, among the older pictures of the faces of some of the 'pillars' of our club appeared. They were much younger, more hirsute and apparently not as affluent as at present. The usual refreshments were served although it seems to be increasingly hard to find a permanent volunteer for this job.

SIMULATED EMERGENCY TESTS:

The IRC can be proud of the part our members played in this exercise. Bruce Woodward, W9UMH, state coordinator and Jerry Lucas, W9BS Marion County coordinator were able to cash in on the several months of hard work to successfully make this one of the greatest tests ever. This writer was impressed by the number of operators who were participating for the first time and after an hour or so, performing like old timers. As usual the "old timers" were the backbone of the operations, keeping the show running as smoothly as possible. The Red Cross Center was somewhat handicapped by antenna problems left over from the wind storm of last summer and the bad weather conditions since the repair work started. Some extra effort by the club members put the station on the air in reasonably good working condition.

There were several firsts in this years operation. The REACT TEAM activity proved feasible and was well organized by the Ham members of that group to form a link with the 2 meter net. This will be further developed in the future and may prove to be a really valuable asset. There was another 1st. this year provided by Oscar Satellite, station WB9FNR at Peru, Ind. sent a message via Oscar 8 to Bruce Woodward, W9UMH which was relayed by WB9GC/ at Greenwood, Ind. WB9FNR was working Mode J and WB9GCV was working Mode A but through the fortunate simultaneity of the two modes at the time a crossover was effected and the message was passed.

PERSONAL NOTES

Belated congrats to Mr. and Mrs. John Ealy on their 50th. anniversary. They were by far the youngest looking couple on the entire page. We wish them many more.

An added note about Life Member John Jacobs, little Christopher whose birth was reported last month. The boy had a constriction of some kind, with a long medical name, which through the magic of modern surgery was removed, and Christopher has quickly returned to normal. We are glad to report everything is now OK.

DUES

Payment of 1979 dues has been rather brisk, however there are a few we hav'nt heard from, remember March 1st. is the deadline for payment, so GET WITH IT via mail or at club meetings.

COMING EVENTS

Your Vice. Pres, and Program Chairman, Alvey Pittman, W9EL has come up with a dazzling array of programs for the coming months, with such speakers as Ann Ely of the Indpls Star News, Paul Bohrer, Don Miller Art Schultz, Subjects such as: ARRL, Laser, Oscar, ATV, Homebrew, Auction and more.

MEETING: February 25th. Ann Ely of the Indpls Star-News, (BEHIND THE HEADLINES) of todays Modern Newspaper. A very interesting story with slides tells of the introduction of computers and Photo-Copy type. This is one program you won't want to miss.